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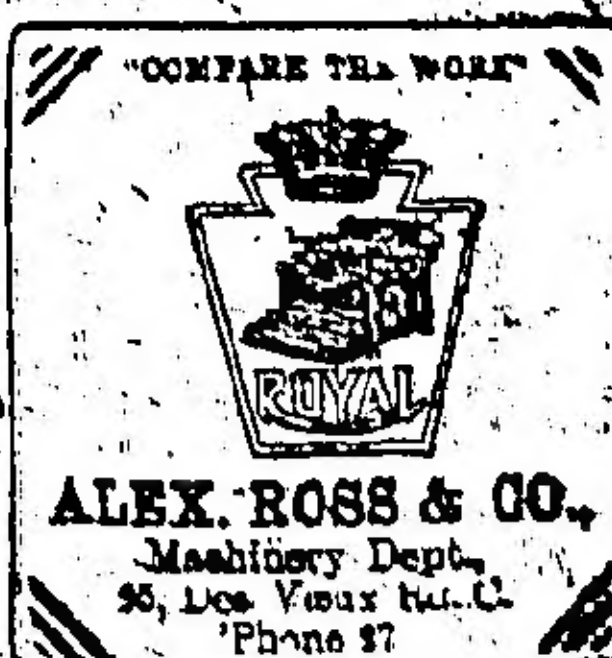
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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

A FLEA FOR IRELAND.

LONDON, February 10.
In the House of Commons Colonel Sidney Peel moved the address
Mr. Woolcock (Hackney) seconded. Mr. Adamson, the Labour party
leader, followed, and suggested that the whole situation should be reviewed
with a view to securing a lasting peace before the remaining peace treaties
were ratified. Referring to his recent tour in Ireland, he declared that
nothing but a generous measure of self-government with no dividing up of
Ireland would satisfy Irish aspirations. He urged the withdrawal of the
system of military government in Ireland.

LORD HUGH'S IRISH SOLUTION.

LONDON, February 10.
In the House of Commons Lord Hugh Cecil declared that it would be
madness to impose a bill on Ireland contrary to the wish of the majority
of the population. He suggested that the Irish people be requested to
invoke a public convention at which to find their own solution and to
produce their own bill. The convention should be on the lines of a consti-
tuent assembly elected by parliamentary franchise. If they proposed a
republic, of course the British people were unlikely ever to agree to that
and a deadlock would arise.

BRITAIN AND THE BOLSHIEVIES.

A FRENCH LIEBEL.

LONDON, February 9.
Reuter learns that Joffre's statement of February 7 was utterly untrue.
Britain approved the draft of an Anglo-Soviet agreement regarding
prisoners, but nothing else. They are now discussing the series of Allied
Premiers' conferences to resume at Downing Street on February 12.

KOREANS AND BOLSHIEVIES.

WASHINGTON, February 9.
It is officially reported that two thousand Koreans, armed principally
with equipment furnished by Bolshieviks, entered northern Korea from
Kirin in the night-time and attacked a Japanese post, killing 300 and
routing the remaining 400.

THE LONG ISLAND WRECK.

NEW YORK, February 9.
The liner "Princess Anne" broke asunder yesterday, after the re-
mainder of the crew were rescued.

LORD CURZON'S VIEWS.

LONDON, Feb. 10.
In the House of Lords, Lord Curzon expressed his belief that a good
deal of the peace treaty would have to be rewritten. He said that in the
course of time, none of its authors claimed a sacredness of character for it.
If Germany showed a disposition faithfully to fulfil her obligations,
we would do our best to aid her therein and to resume her place among
the civilized communities of the world. Lord Curzon expressed anxiety as
regards the outlook in the near and middle east and emphasized the neces-
sity of a broadminded viewpoint in settling the difficult problems not yet
decided by the peace conference.

TO LOWER OUR SILVER STANDARD?

LONDON, February 10.
Mr. Chamberlain notified Parliament that he would introduce a bill
amending the law with respect to the standard fineness of silver coinage
in the United Kingdom and other parts of the empire.

OLD CEREMONIAL RESTORED.

LONDON, February 10.
Parliament was opened in full state for the first time since 1914.

PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAMME.

LONDON, February 9.
The state opening of parliament on Tuesday marks the opening of a
momentous session. A huge government programme includes a dozen first
class bills, the chief of which will be the Home Rule and coal measures.
The latter continues government control of mines. A land bill is also
expected, fixing guaranteed prices for grain over a number of years
and giving farmers increased security of tenure. There is considerable
speculation regarding ministerial reshuffling. It is believed that
Robert Herne will succeed Auckland Geddes. Eric Geddes is also likely to
retire to accept an important post in the city. It is expected that Wardle
and Parker will resign. McCarty is the most likely successor of Roberts.
It is rumoured that Chamberlain's position is uncertain. It is expected
that Henderson will be elected chairman of the Labourites.

"DURATION" PARTLY OVER.

LONDON, Feb. 10.
The Gazette publishes a decree that fixes January 10, as the date of
the termination of the war between Britain and Germany. The decree
explains that it is impossible to fix the date of the termination of the
present war as the treaties of peace of some belligerents are not yet
ratified.

AMERICA, FRANCE, AND BRITAIN.

LONDON, Feb. 10.
In the House of Commons Sir Donald Maclean announced that the
Liberals would propose an amendment to the address in favour of a revision
of the peace treaties. He declared that the tripartite treaty must be revised
because it now seemed as if the signatures of the president of the United
States to guarantee France was not going to be honoured.

AMERICAN RESERVATIONS.

WASHINGTON, February 9.
The Senate adopted by 62 votes to 10 Senator Lodge's motion, which
was supported by both Democratic and Republican leaders, in favour of
securing a speedy resumption of the Senate debate on the peace treaty.

IF TRUE, BY WHOM ORDERS?

LONDON, February 9.
A Moscow wireless says that Allied warships are bombarding Odessa.

HANDLING THE SIN FEINERS.

LONDON, February 9.
Seventy Sinn Feiners were deported in warships from Cork. Most
elaborate precautions against rescue were taken, including presence of an
aeroplane. The Sinn Feiners raided an explosives factory at Arklow and
seized half a ton of gelignite.

SWISS AGAINST FEMALE VOTING.

BALE, February 9.
Plebiscites at Bale rejected women's suffrage by 12,456 votes to 6,741.
and at Zurich by 88,249 votes to 21,608.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

HAVAS REVIEW.

PARIS, February 7th.

A Havas message says:—
Replying to interpellations, M. Millerand yesterday in the Chamber of Deputies affirmed the continuity of France's external policy and its fidelity to alliances. He understood of which assured final victory. Speaking of the means at France's disposal to compel German observance of the Treaty in the matter of coal deliveries, M. Millerand said: "It is my intention to warn Germany, in face of the flagrant violation of the Convention which she signed, that the delay accorded for its execution, especially for the evacuation of German territories, is suspended. The Treaty offers us financial and economic reprisals, and measures of coercion even of a military nature. I intend to avail myself, at need, of these measures. We shall exact, without exception, all that is due to us from Germany. If necessary we shall have recourse to all the means provided by the Treaty." In regard to the delivery of the accused Germans, M. Millerand added that the Conference of Ambassadors would consider the measures to be taken and come to decisions. All the actions of the Allies would be directed by the principles which he had explained to the Chamber. M. Millerand obtained a vote of confidence, the voting being 800 for to 70 against.

THE PROFITS IN THE COAL INDUSTRY.

LONDON, February 6th.
In accordance with a promise made by Mr. Lloyd George to the Miners Federation on the 5th inst the report of the accountants appointed by the Government to investigate the finances of the coal industry has been issued. The report finds the estimates on which an increase of 6/ per ton, and the subsequent reduction of 10/ per ton were based were, on the whole, reasonable, but the revenue was underestimated to the extent of about £30,000,000 due to undervaluation of ports and bunkers. The report considers that an increase of 30d. per ton instead of 24d. would have sufficed and it estimates that there will be a surplus on March 31st next of £8,000,000—whereas the miners estimated the net profits to be £24,000,000.

WHAT IS THE MATTER?

THE CHINESE THEATRE.

Of course, when we venture for fun with our friends to a native theatre of the Chinese quarter, we take it for granted that the music will be too loud for our soft Western ears, and the songs and dialogues rather too long to our taste—time is a precious item with us. But we do admire the gorgeous costuming, and we love the Shakespearean simplicity, the unconventionality of the staging. In the middle of the most pathetic tear-shedding scene the prima-donna turns round to her attendant to improve the smoothing of her hair or the adjustment of her bonnet—unless she chooses to sip her national beverage with affected grace. Of course, you have witnessed the climbing of mountains and horse-riding in the stage—a perfect joke.

Well, this will be soon a thing of the past. In these times of discontent and general criticism, it seems that the Chinese themselves are no longer satisfied with their theatrical art. A literary mandarin from Peking, Mr. Soong Tsun Juei, followed by a pleiad of students, is sounding its funeral gong. "Away, he claims, with a symbolism and a medieval language that we no longer understand; away with the singing that dilutes the feelings and weakens the intrigue. In these times of co-education, let us have men and actresses playing each one their part (if we except Mei Lau Fang, the finest impersonator of women's characters). Let us have a plain realistic dialogue in pure Western fashion, stories true to life and modern theses that make the audience reflect on vital problems." Does not that sound like a perfect joke?

Amateurs of the quaintness of ancient days and of Oriental oddness do hasten to fill their ears with the sound of cymbals and tam-tams, to refresh their eyes with the brilliant colouring of Eastern robes, are this picturesque pagoda gives way, falls before the sweeping wave of common-place modernism. China herself is becoming "matter-of-course" in her art.

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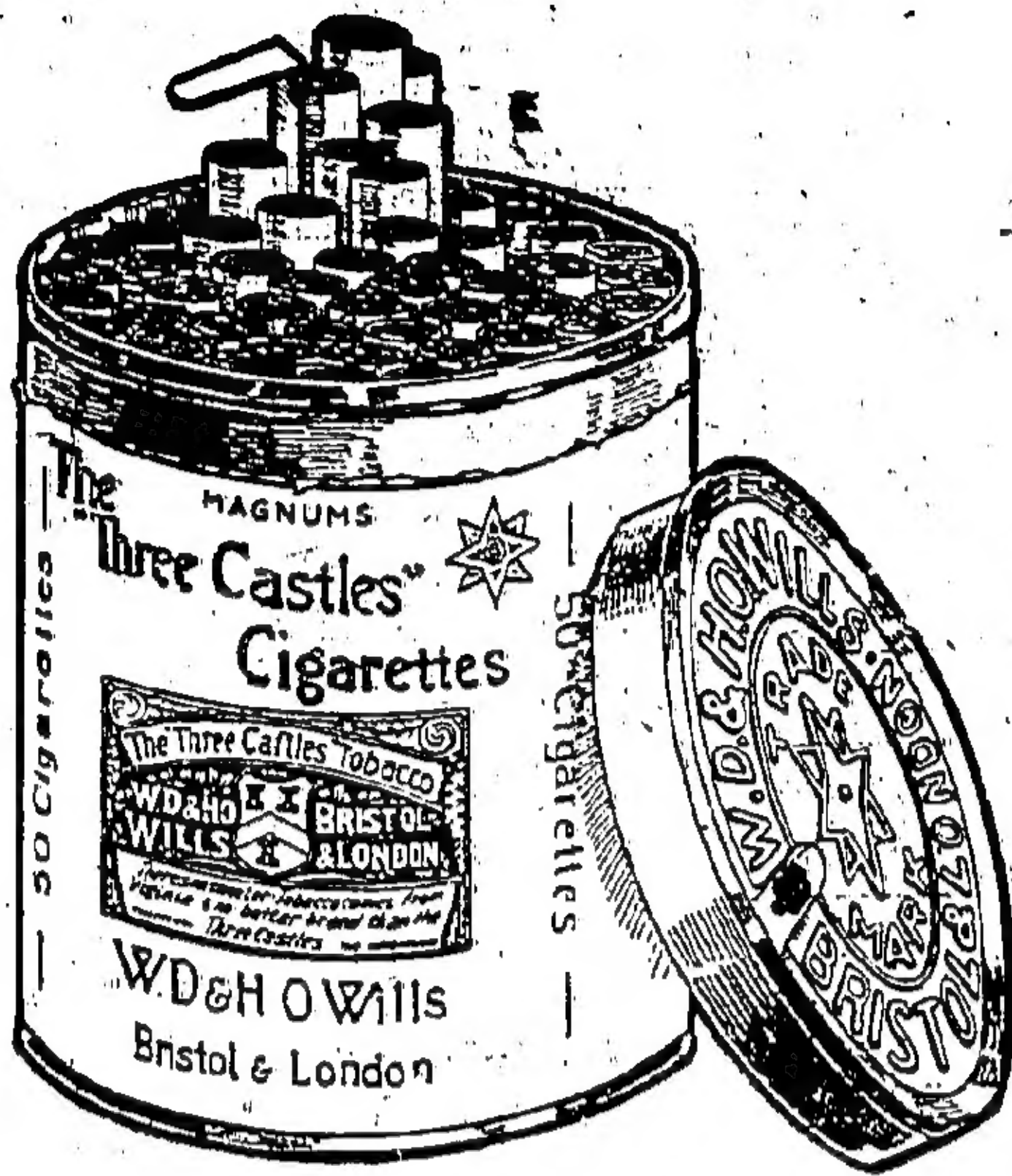
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That raised the point as to whether there was ever an "A. Commission," and, if so, what has become of Commissions B., C., and D?

"D. Commission" is still sitting—probably know them? There's Principal McTaggart of Auchinleck University; General Mollusc—he was Governor of the Seychelles; Doctors Weevil and Redent, representing Agriculture and Zoology; Lord Clamity, a most respectable figurehead. Then, as representatives of the people, just to show it is all above-board, you know, Rai Bahadur Siri Ram, the deportee, and the Nawab of Fatepur Sikri."

"Yes, but you haven't told me about 'A. Commission' yet. What started 'A. Commission'?"

"Oh, it's really quite simple. You remember three years ago, to satisfy the popular outcry, Government appointed a Commission to inquire into the failure of the Agricultural Department to deal with the plague of rats. Well, that was 'A. Commission,' the beginning of it all. 'A. Commission' didn't help much. The nuisance increased to such an extent that a session of the Commission was broken up by an invasion of rats. The floor was so thick with them that the members had to stand up on their chairs. Soon afterwards another Commission was appointed to inquire into the first Commission's failure to inquire into the Agricultural Department's failure to exterminate rats. That was 'B. Commission,' I think."

"And where do 'C.' and 'D.' Commissions come in?"

"'B. Commission' recommended poison, you remember, and a number of villagers picked it up and ate it and died. There was another outcry. The Commission on that was 'C.' I think, or was it 'D.'? No, 'D.' was to inquire into the failure of 'C.' to —"

"But you are 'E,' you say? Where does 'E.' come in?"

**COMING END OF THE
SHIPPING "BOOM."****SHORT-SIGHTED LABOUR.**

[By ARTHUR HURD.]

When the war was in progress the Government spent many millions sterling in explaining what Germany, on the one hand, and we, on the other, were fighting for; and the Germans have since confessed that we did this work very much better than they did. Now that peace has come we stand in need of a propaganda movement at home. Those persons who work with their hands rather than with their heads are missing the opportunity of winning a great industrial victory. The President of the Board of Trade has declared that we have "the greatest opportunity in history." Why don't we take it? The explanation is to be found in failure of vision on the part of trade union leaders, and lack of thought and independence on the part of the working classes generally. How many of the men on the railways who struck in September had any conception of the character of the dispute? Many admitted their ignorance, but pleaded that if they did not blindly obey the orders received from their organisations they would lose their employment, and their wives and children would be left to starve—so they struck. It is much the same with the questions of coal and shipping, and a number of leaders are found crying "Nationalise coal, ships, and everything."

COAL AND SHIPS.

The ignorance which exists with reference to coal and shipping constitutes a grave national peril, because coal supplies 75 per cent. of our exports, judged by weight, and shipping, using vast quantities of coal as bunker, is the life-time of all our industries. You may meet people every day who express sympathy with the hard lot of the miner, as though he were the badly-paid victim of some compulsory form of service which drives him into the bowels of the earth in search of a living. He is, on the contrary, a man who has chosen this particular calling because he likes it, who works very short hours, and who earns a very high wage. The down-trodden collier, who is represented as being exploited by "the capitalist," can, in favourable working conditions, make a larger income than the average doctor, solicitor, architect, or barrister. The chairman of the Ebbw Vale Company, speaking with knowledge, stated the other day that "the average earnings of one of their colliers worked out at £800 a year." On the other hand, in spite of the depreciation of the currency, colliery shareholders, as a whole, are receiving one-half their pre-war profit, and the colliery shareholders, in the majority of cases, as in almost all companies, are comparatively poor.

thrifty, hard-working people. The large wages paid to colliers come mainly out of the pockets, directly or indirectly, of the working-classes, for coal enters into the production of almost everything required in working-class homes, and affects the earning capacity of the working-class man and his family.

Everyone knows, in general terms, the huge price of coal needed for industrial purposes, but not one person in a hundred thousand is seized with a correct conception of the important part which it plays in our foreign trade. The coal situation is hampering the exporter owing to the high cost of the goods he handles, and it is keeping up ocean freights on all he sends abroad, as well as on all that is imported, with the result that the cost of living is still going up. That movement of the prices of food, clothes, and other things is not, of course, entirely attributable to the miner, but he has a good deal to do with it. Government control—which is a form of nationalisation—has made matters much worse than otherwise they would be, because it is very costly, and in order to placate the home consumer shipping is being forced to pay two or three times the economic price for bunkers. A thousand-and-one illustrations have been furnished of the ruinous expense of control of coal, shipping, and other things, and yet there are still men who have the courage to suggest that coal and shipping should be nationalised.

THE APPROACHING "SLUMP."

The argument in favour of the nationalisation of shipping would not have been regarded as worthy of a moment's consideration by any former President of the Board of Trade, Liberal or Conservative. For how are you to nationalise an industry which before the war carried more than half the ocean-borne trade of the world? The goods are not carried at freights which British shipowners fix, but at freights which are subject to world-wide competition. Sometimes they are high and at other times they are low. In the former case the British shipowner as well as the foreign shipowner benefits; but when they fall the shipowner carries on his trade at a loss as long as his resources last.

Let it be admitted that even the British shipowner is doing well just now, although nothing like as well as his rivals, and that if shipping were nationalised the profits would go into the national exchequer. That presupposes that civil servants could exhibit those extraordinary organising abilities, varied in character, which are exhibited conspicuously by the men who run British ships. The shipowners' harvest, however, never lasts very long, and there is evidence that it is coming to an end. Two facts point in that direction:

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BIRTH.

HARDMAN.—On February 7, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hardman, a son.

MARRIAGES.

KANCLERZ—DE STUNGUR.—On February 7, at Shanghai, Francis Kanclerz, of Galicia, Poland, to Anna de Stungur, of Kowno, Poland.

RHYSS-JONES—FONTAINE.—On February 7, at Shanghai, Raymond Rhys-Jones, youngest son of Mrs. W. T. Jones, Shanghai and Tasmania, to Pepita Macleone, the eldest daughter of the late Henry Fontaine, England, and Mrs. W. F. Kaller, Tientsin.

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, FEB. 14, 1920.

NONSENSE.

Elsewhere in this number we reprint from the smart new wicker weekly *Pan* an elaborate extravaganza playing round the theme of the surgical transference of certain glands from apes to men, as a remedy for old age. The *jeu d'esprit* was first tried on two professional men and two business men, who all laughed so heartily that we decided it might be worth passing on to our public, especially in Race Week. The seriousness of modern politics is so inherently frivolous, to a person of insight, that the serious value of pure frivolity offers itself as a deserving candidate for favour.

A little nonsense now and then is relieved by the wisest men. Why? Dramatists have long been familiar with the human need for what they call "comic relief." We desire to stress the word "relief." Even the Greeks, those worshippers of beauty and very purposeful thinkers, were not averse from it. There seems to be an instinct in mankind which realizes the hygienic necessity of healthy mental reactions, and perceives the suicidal danger of the "tedium vitae." The charming nonsense of "Alice in Wonderland" was produced by an abstruse highbrow, and though some wiseacre fools have pretended to see deep hidden significances between the lines of it, and other apologists have pleaded that it was done "to amuse the children" it is nonsense and nothing but nonsense. Mark Twain tells how "Paddenhead Wilson" was deemed crazy by his cronies for solemnly expressing the wish that he owned half of a dog that was

howling, so that he might kill his half. Yet Paddenhead was the brainiest man in that town. And S. Foote, who gave us the valuable word Panjandrum 'way back in 1854, is said to have composed his nonsense in order to test the memory of one Macklin, who claimed to remember anything he might hear once. We don't believe it. It was the genuine high spirits and craving for nonsense that goes with them that must have led Foote to write:

"So she went into the garden to cut a cabbage to make an apple-pie; and at the same time a great she-bear, coming up the street, pops its head into the shop. 'What? Nonsense?' So he died, and she very imprudently married the barber; and there were present at the time the house took fire the Pickanninnies, and the Jobillies, and the Garyulies, and the Grand Panjandrum himself, with the little round button at top, and they all fell to playing the game of catch as catch can, till the gunpowder ran out at the heels of their boots."

As a "test for memory" that was bound to be a failure. It is fatally easy to remember, as all such bizarre items, and quite a lot of the older generation do remember it, and cannot forget it. We do not know the methods or devices of the various widely advertised mnemonic systems, but whatever they are they cannot surpass in merit the simple trick, evolved by many a man for himself in student days, of associating some incongruous thing with the thing sought to be memorized. In that way, nonsense has a utilitarian value. In its value is soul hygiene we devoutly believe.

ADVERSARIA.

The Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest Restriction Act of 1919 extends, amends, and prolongs the duration of previous Acts with the same title that were passed during the war. The provisions of these Acts are extended to houses of which the standard rent and the rateable value do not exceed (a) £70 in the Metropolitan district, including the City of London, (b) £60 in Scotland (c) £52 elsewhere; and the duration of the Act is extended from the expiration of six months after the Declaration of Peace to Lady Day next year, 1921, subject to the following modification during the extended period: Rents may be increased to the extent of 10 per cent. of the standard rent (in addition to any increase permitted by the 1915 Act) but any such increase will not be due until after four clear weeks written notice. Where a landlord who has purchased a house since September 30, 1917, requires the house for his own occupation, for an employee, or for the employee of one of his

tenants, he may only get it by order of the Court, which must consider all the circumstances, including especially the alternative accommodation available for the tenant.

To-day is St. Valentine's Day, popularly associated with love-making and the sending of tender greetings to the favoured one. It used to be a fashion of the lower orders to send on this day disrespectful caricatures with scurrilous doggerel to persons they disliked, and in out-of-the-way suburban tuck-shops one may sometimes still see these curious productions, where or by whom produced none knoweth. The "sugary" sentimental "valentine" has long been out of fashion. Possibly the spread of knowledge, and the discovery that the association of St. Valentine with Eros was accidental or arbitrary or both, may have accounted for it. February 14 isn't even a day for Spring fever and rising sap, for it seems to be still winter at home then, with much bad weather still to come. Anyway, the festival is no loss to the amorous. Kissing is in fashion when the gorse is in bloom, and that, we are told, may be observed all the year round. If the gorse tradition is inaccurate, maskee. The other isn't.

That letter by "Interested" a few days ago called attention to an incident at a bygone meeting of the Land Investment Company, and quite a number of readers, not old-timers, have expressed a desire to know what it is all about. We remember that we had a full report in the *China Mail*, at the time, and are having the files dusted in order that we may look it up. If you have ever seen the dust on old files in newspaper offices you will know that it is a job to tackle circum-spectly. Enquirers will please wait and see Monday's *China Mail*.

One of yesterday's "CORNERS" telegrams referred to New York's plague of snow, and pathetically mentioned that there was a lack of snow-shovellers, as they were demanding a dollar an hour. There was a hint of reproach in the remark. As the U. S. A. are the home of "corners" in this, and the other thing, we cannot see why they should kick about a corner in snow-shovelling. After all, it doesn't happen so frequently as the others.

Wiseman's Cafe has been newly done up with white enamel, and looks cool and clean. "Wet Paint" signs were up everywhere. Between 5 and 6 o'clock one evening this week, 229 persons entered for tea. 228 of them touched the paint with their fingers to see if the notices were true. The 229th was a war hero who had had both arms shot off.

DEVELOPMENT OF CHINA.

AN INTERESTING OPINION.

Representing a syndicate of Seattle business institutions, Mr. Fred H. Lyons is especially interested in the American and Chinese Capitals invested in the Sanning Railway.

In common with the business interests throughout the world generally, the American Chambers of Commerce find that business cannot be successfully carried on now on the basis of surveys and reports made before the war.

Mr. Lyons finds that this is true particularly as to China, because of unsettled political conditions.

"I have been advising my clients for some years past," said he yesterday, "that the chief essential in China is some stabilizing influence in its government; and this opinion is confirmed by conditions as I find them here."

"I had hoped," said he, "that the peace conference would find a way to provide this influence, but unfortunately it did not. I confess a great skepticism as to the ability of China unaided to right herself governmentally; but unless she does so, or has it done for her by big things she anticipated with the establishment of the Republic will not materialize."

There is plenty of money both in the United States and in Canada, Mr. Lyons says, for investment in the development of China when it can be done with safety to itself and benefit to China.

"The inefficiency of the government to give common protection to its people and its investments," he said, "I find emphasized in the prevalence of volunteer forces in the interior villages where I have just made a trip; this is the chief outstanding surface feature as compared with my trip of seven years ago."

Mr. Lyons' business connections are such that he hopes to be of some assistance to China in solving her problems which bear on the future.

DON'T COUGH.

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THE COTTON MARKET.

We know that a quarter of the cotton consumed in Japan is imported from that country from China; half of the total amount is bought from India, while the rest is grown in America and Egypt. Egyptian cotton is exported to foreign markets in very small quantities, because of its very high price; but its long fibres can be mixed with silk, while all the other qualities of cotton have short fibres. Even fine "connoisseurs" cannot detect the cotton interwoven with silk. About 600 to 1,000 bales of cotton are exported from Egypt every year. The poorest quality in that country is better than any quality of cotton from other parts of the world. As the American crop failed this year, the result is that prices are soaring in Egypt. While the maximum price before the war was of \$34 a cantar, it has reached now \$125 a cantar. This year's crop in Egypt amounts to six million cantars, bringing in a revenue triple to what was customary the 25 last years. This unusual prosperity may help to quiet the political restlessness which has prevailed of late, partly due, we may feel assured, to the great scheme of foreign propaganda.

It is the fellah or peasant, the speculator of the Cotton Exchange and the usurer who gives the cotton-seeds to the farmer in exchange for part of the crops, who are the gainers in the present state of affairs.

On the contrary, the United States is facing at present an acute situation as regards the cotton plantations. Not only, as we said, the crops have been rather poor, but the "black question" is affecting the cotton market to a considerable degree. In the Southern States, the black who rents a cotton farm keeps half of the crops for himself and pays his white landlord for the cereals and cattle needed during the year. It appears that the price of utilities is generally slightly raised for the black farmer, so that when accounts are settled at the end of the year, his profit is so small that he has to run into debts. According to law, he cannot leave his farm before solving his debts, so that the landlord obtains a cheap crop and ties the black to the estate.

As we know, complaints and protests were raised of late in Dixieland, shots and blows exchanged, and since the last agitation the negroes are migrating towards the factories of the North and East. The plantation owners are beginning to feel anxious; labour is scarce. Sometimes there is not one negro to be found for 300 acres of fine cotton. If this movement continues, many white planters are facing ruin and the mills in Europe may lack a much needed merchandise.

The United States are realizing that the future of the cotton-fields—that is to say one of the principal sources of wealth of America—is at stake at present.

At present, a commission is investigating the matter seriously with a view of finding a satisfactory solution for both landlords and cotton-farmers.

GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE GIST OF IT.

Major J. H. W. Armstrong having resigned from the Defence Corps, the Governor records his appreciation of his valuable services during the war, as commander of the Artillery Company.

Mr. A. G. Coppin is appointed a Visiting Justice to the Po Leung Kuk, vice Mr. A. Mackenzie resigned.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton is to act as Assistant District Officer in New Territories, South.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 5s. 7½d.

To-day's return of communicable disease has a case of cerebro-spinal fever.

Now you see the force of advertising in the *China Mail*. Tsoiki has turned up again. People all over town were looking for her. Tsoiki herself is annoyed. "Why fool?" she demanded. "I know my way back to the office all right, but how could I come when the busy bodies tied me up?"

Monsieur Moctini, formerly Accountant of the Banque Industrielle de Chine in this city, is at present in Swatow investigating conditions. He will be back here next week before definitely settling at Swatow where the Banque Industrielle is opening a new branch of which he is to take the Management.

DRUGGET.

THE K.C.C. v. CIVIL SERVICE C.C.

The K.C.C. v. Civil Service C. C. at Kowloon at 2.15 p.m. today. The following have been selected—J. P. Robinson, J. Stalker, B. D. Evans, J. V. Bragg, A. O. Brown, H. Overy, A. W. Ramsay, W. L. Weaver, E. J. Edwards, N. L. H. Kallion and D. Blenkinsdon.

A CLERICAL ERROR.

[We hope the following absurdity from the new and handsome Journal *Pan* may amuse you as much as it did us.—Ed. C.M.]

The operating theatre was crowded with a fashionable and expensive audience. For weeks past the box-office had been flooded with applications for seats to witness the grafting of a new set of glands on to the venerable Bishop of Swears and Wells whose popular series of homilies on Eternal Punishment, illustrated by dissolving views and punctuated by appropriate solos on the compah, showing that Hell was not the prerogative of the rich but easily accessible to even the humblest member of society, had been the talk of the town.

The operation was to be performed by Sir History Scalpel who had made a European reputation by successfully removing a kidney from the Pope's big toe, and on his entrance a buzz of excitement swept through the theatre. When quiet had at length been restored, and the attendants who had been selling antiseptic chewing gum and plans of the Bishop's inside had withdrawn, the patient was wheeled in on a liqueur-wagon breathing stertorously under the influence of an anaesthetic compounded of chloroform, vermouth, paregoric and chutney. The nurses, dressers, sterilizers, and so forth grouped themselves around in a symbolical tableau representing the Darwinian Theory, the Nebular Hypothesis, and the Monroe Doctrine. The orchestra began to play shivery, blanchmange-like music as the eminent surgeon, having fastened the Bishop's ears to the operating-table with drawing-pins, advanced to the front.

"Ladies and Gentlemen," he began, "to-night I am about to perform an extraordinary and beautiful experiment, for which I shall require the loan of a silk hat. Will someone kindly—thank you, sir! You will perceive that I have nothing concealed in my sleeve. This experiment is nothing less than an attempt to graft on to my right reverend patient's thyroid the interstitial glands of a thoroughly respectable and specially selected ape. The operation is rendered necessary by the fact that the distinguished cleric has recently felt the burden of advancing age, and wishes to be rejuvenated that he may be able during the coming season to deliver his new series of discourse upon the peculiar saline properties possessed by Lot's wife and why the marked tendency to alopecia was displayed by Elshaz. With your kind permission, I will now, without further preamble, proceed to make his Bishopship shipshape. Mr. V. Mugford Wumpsey!—this to one of the dressers—kindly give me knives, catarract, Mark L, and a three-by-four gland."

The dresser took the former behind his ear the latter from a pickle-bottle. Then to the strains of that inspiring waltz melody "Gland of our fathers" otherwise "Glynwlch ap Fynwlch," which Mr. Lloyd George sang with fervour and emotion, the operation began.

The vast cathedral was packed. Even the crypt was full. Every seat was occupied, and every aisle crowded with strap-hangers. Some of the more attenuated members of the congregation had inserted themselves in the pipes of the organ, whilst others lay prostrate, three and four deep, on the bellows. An earnest seeker after light and truth had even mounted the equestrian statue of a long-defunct Chancellor of the Duchy of Brixton, and retained his seat by clasping the august statesman round the waist.

"A bumper bumper," whispered the Dean to the Chapter who was sitting next him. "It reminds me of the occasion when we gave a Benefit Service for the widow of the Bishop of Wagwass-gabagga who was swallowed by a boa-constrictor."

A hush spread over the spacious nave as the successfully rejuvenated Bishop of Swears and Wells rose from his stall and made his way to the pulpit. The congregation was somewhat amazed to see the reverend gentleman swing himself up by the hand-rail instead of walking up the stairs; but this was as nothing to the sensation created when on reaching the ledge of the pulpit he seated himself thereon and proceeded to crack some nuts which he produced from the hood of his surplice.

The Chapter looked agitated, and whispered excitedly to the Dean: "It's those statistical monkey things they've sown on to his adenoids, or whatever it is they've done. A most remarkable case of reversion to type!"

"Dear brethren"—came the voice from the pulpit; and then followed from the Bishop (who had now abandoned his heterodox stance) a most powerful and impassioned sermon on the enshrining and ennobling subject of Jacob's Ladder. So great was its effect on the congregation that during a wonderful peroration, that included three extensions of the predicate, an oblique oration and an ablative absolute, strong men burst into tears, women and children burst into nettle-rash, while a stockbroker who was in one of the organ-pipes burst a blood-vessel and had to be extracted with a tin opener.

BOXING.

WILTSHIRE NOVICES' COMPETITION.

The first Novices' Boxing Competition of the Wiltshire Regiment, was held at the "Ring," Volunteer Headquarters, yesterday, the preliminaries starting at 2 p.m. In the evening, the semi-finals and finals were fought, and some good boxing was witnessed by the large number of officers and men of the Regiment. Several members of the Hongkong Boxing Association also attended at night, amongst them being Mr. F. C. Jenkin, C.B.E., and Mr. W. Logan. The bouts were fought under the Army Boxing Association rules. The Regimental Band was in attendance, and enlivened the proceedings with several fine selections. The following were the officials:—Referee, Lieut.-Col. Loring; Judges, Lieut.-Comdr. Drew, R.N., and Lieut. Ansell; and Time-keeper, Lieut. Moore.

The most interesting bout in the first was that between Corp. Ewin "C" Co., and Pte. Drew "B" Co. Drew was undoubtedly the best loser in the whole competition, and despite the fact that he was fighting a heavier man and was used practically as a punching bag throughout the three rounds, he fought on pluckily and refused to go down before some heavy and telling blows on the ribs and jaw. At least three times the spectators expected to see Drew fall like a log, so badly did Ewin punish him, but each time, they were surprised to see him recover. Ewin tried all he knew, but could not get his man down. Excepting for a little heavy breathing, Drew showed no signs of the effects of his opponent's blows. Many punches to the head and jaw failed even to make him groggy. At the conclusion of the bout, although Ewin was rightly given the verdict, Drew was heartily cheered by all present for the plucky fight he put up.

At the conclusion of the finals, Lieut.-Col. Wyndham addressing the men, said he would like to point out what a fine manly sport boxing was, and he would like to see every man in the regiment take some interest in this branch of sport. It had been one of his keenest ambitions to see the Wiltshire Regiment hold its own in boxing as it had done in other branches of sport, hence this first of a series of Novices' Competitions which he hoped to be able to promote. They had seen some fine bouts that evening, and he took that opportunity of congratulating the winners as well as the losers. One loser who deserved specially to be congratulated, was Pte. Drew of "B" Co. He showed great pluck in his bout against a heavier opponent. The first time he saw Pte. Drew boxing was on board the "Tras de Montana." "He had it badly then, but he fought as pluckily as they had seen him do that night. He was convinced that Pte. Drew was made of the right stuff, and with a little more practice and training he would be a smart exponent of the "Manly art." The speaker then announced that he had decided to give Pte. Drew a special remuneration for his plucky performance (Applause). He concluded by repeating that he would like to see the regiment well to the fore in boxing, and told the men to tell the others about it.

Winners and runners-up cups were then distributed. There being only two contestants in the Featherweights, only one prize was awarded.

The results were as follows:—Final Featherweight:—Lance-Corpl. Nye "D" Co., beat Pte. Davey "C" Co.

Final Lightweight:—Pte. Legrott of "D" Co. beat Pte. Clinton "C" Co.

Final Bantamweight:—Corpl. Ewin "C" beat Pte. Drew "B" Co.

Final Welterweight:—Pte. Rogers "B" Co. beat Pte. Deacons "C" Co.

Final Middleweight:—Corpl. Gee "B" Co. K.O. Pte. Newman "B" Co.

In addition, five Scotsmen seated in a back pew were carried away by the Bishop's eloquence that they decided to club together and contribute threepence to the offertory.

In conclusion, dear brethren, said the Bishop, "and in order to bring my words more forcibly home to you, I will give you an illustration of how the angels negotiated the ladder."

"And, so saying, he jumped at the electric light pendant above his head and with surprising agility climbed up it: then, glissading gracefully down again, he dropped to his feet on the pulpit floor."

"We will now sing," he announced, "Sir Elgar Olgar Eli's beautiful hymn, 'Gland of Hope and Glory,' number one-two-double-o in Monkey and Sandie's hymnbook, during which the collection will be taken."

As the first notes of the lovely *Sanctus* began to filter through the building, a curious look came over the Bishop's face. He removed his robe and donned a little red jacket. Then, jumping lightly from the pulpit, he advanced with a curious hobbling gait to the front pew, and, extending his hand, began to gather in the pennies which he placed in his check.

The cathedral continues to draw packed houses whenever the Bishop of Swears and Wells tops the bill. As a popular feature, he has got performing seals and Lockhart's elephants whisked to a frazzle.

OBITUARY.

THE LATE MR. W. H. WOOLLEY.

It is with the deepest regret we have to record the death of Mr. William Henry Woolley, which took place at 4 o'clock this morning in the Government Civil Hospital, the cause of death being pneumonia following influenza. Although the deceased had been suffering from chest trouble practically all through the winter, he was able to attend to his duties in the ordinary way until a few days ago when he complained of feeling unusually unwell and took to his bed. He became worse yesterday and was taken to the Government Civil Hospital in the afternoon. Mr. Woolley, who was 48 years of age, has been in the Hongkong Government service for 24 years. He originally came to the Colony with the Rifle Brigade in which regiment he held the rank of a non-commissioned officer. In 1895 he joined the local police and latter was transferred to the Sanitary department where he remained till the time of his death, his last post being that of Chief storekeeper. He also acted as secretary to the Sanitary Board from May 1st to July 30 last year. The deceased was one of the most highly respected members of the Sanitary Department staff and the Government has lost one of its best servants. Socially, Mr. Woolley was one of the most popular members of the community, his genial manner making numerous friends. In masonic circles again he was an exceptional figure, being past senior warden of District Grand Lodge, past master of United Services Lodge Scribe E in the United Chapter and holding many other offices. As a sportsman the deceased was equally well known being a prominent member of the K.C.C. and the Civil Service Club of which he was secretary from practically its foundation. He also acted as umpire for the Civil Service Cricket Club for many years and was also a prominent figure on the bowling green always securing a place in the match team. Mr. Woolley did excellent work in the H.K.D.C. holding the rank of Company Quartermaster Sergeant and was well known and respected by every member of the corps. His work on the rifle range was particularly enthusiastic. His death will be greatly mourned by everybody in the Colony.

The deceased leaves a widow and seven children. The funeral, takes place at Happy Valley to-morrow, passing the Monument at 4.45 p.m.

THE ROUBLE'S UPWARD BOUND.

SUDDEN RISE FROM ONE CENT TO ELEVEN.

Shanghai reports on February 7: The rouble was the excitement of the market yesterday, bounding up from one mex. dollar cent to as much as 11 in value, and many people who have been looking very glum for months past began to smile in anticipation of the end of civil war and trade reopening throughout Siberia.

How far these hopes are justified is another matter. Reports from the North are very vague and speculation more than anything else is at the back of the rouble's upward bound.

Yesterday our Harbin correspondent referred to speculation in the rouble at Harbin, and suggested a prospect of continued improvement in view of the statement, which remains to be confirmed, that the Soviet authorities are making no distinction in the paper roubles, not even excepting those of the Kolchak Government.

On inquiry yesterday we were informed that the rise in the rouble cannot be attributed to economic causes, such as greater security of trade following upon the cessation of actual fighting and the consequent prospect of early trade activity between Siberia and greater Russia. For the time being, at any rate, rouble fluctuations are possibly dependent upon political causes.

Meanwhile the great uncertainty is to know which kind of rouble to back—the Romanoff, Kerensky, or Siberian.—N.C. Daily News.

CHINESE WIRE NEWS.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 13.

Till North and South agree, likia cannot be abolished.

Kan Wan Pang approached Tum Kisu's cancellation of Sino-Japanese military pacts. "I don't wish to hear anything about it," said Tum.

China's delegation to the Paris Peace Conference cost over \$1,200,000.

Both Foreign Ministers, whose resignations were not accepted, are refusing to carry on.

Japan has notified China that if she will stop the boycott, Japan will be easier in other disputes.

"WALLA WALLA" boasts we saw and hat. Got them at Black Pig.

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

(Continued from Page 1.)

FLYING STUNTS.

CAIRO, February 9. The South African aeroplane Silver Queen, bound for the Cape, arrived here this evening from Sollum. The pilots were dazed and deaf after the stormiest passage across the Mediterranean.

CAIRO, February 8. Cockrell arrived at Khartoum at 6.15 this evening. His departure is delayed till Tuesday, owing to a water leakage. Three cylinders are failing and require repair.

SALONIKA, Feb. 8. The Caproni aeroplane flying from Rome to Tokyo, piloted by Lieutenants Sala and Borello, has arrived here safely.

DELHI, Feb. 9. Mathews "crashed" 20 miles from Bunder Abbas. The machine is safe, but their machine is badly damaged.

FRENCH BUDGET.

PARIS, February 9. The French Government has decided to effect a reduction of 320 millions sterling in the budget, which was originally fixed for 1880 millions.

OUR DEPLETED EXCHEQUER.

LONDON, February 11. Mr. Chamberlain, replying to the memorialists mentioned on Feb. 3, says the United States government's attitude is of first importance. He doubts whether their participation in an international conference on the economic situation is obtainable. He emphasised the gravity of the situation. The government was prepared to appoint representatives to a conference if so invited by one of the neutral countries, or by the League of Nations, on being satisfied that the conference would assume a representative character. The government would lay down, if it participated, that they were unprepared to consider to add to their existing liabilities; and if such conference recommended any grant or credits the government could not support or participate in any scheme involving an addition to Britain's liabilities for expenditure in America.

FUTURE OF SCIENCE.

PROSPECT THOUGHT TO BE EMINENTLY ENCOURAGING.

50 YEARS' PROGRESS.

"Nature," the famous weekly Journal of Science, has just completed 50 years, and celebrates it with a Jubilee number containing valuable articles by experts in each field of science, in which they trace the progress of their special branch during the last 50 years. Sir Archibald Geikie, looking before and after, says that:

The War has brought the economic value of science before the world on a colossal scale of demonstration. While scientific inventions have enormously augmented the offensive powers of the belligerents, it is pleasing to know that the applications of science have not been all on the destructive side, but that at the same time the greatest stimulus in the history of mankind has been given to medicine and surgery, and that each of these great divisions of the healing art has made notable advances and gained fresh powers for dealing with diseases and wounds.

A STARTLING BOOK. Exactly ten years had elapsed after the publication of Darwin's Origin of Species when the first number of "Nature" was issued. The doctrine of Evolution had long been before the world. Laplace had introduced it into the history of the solar system; Lamarck, after Buffon, had proposed an ingenious aetiology in the history of organised life upon the earth; while towards the middle of last century came the cruder efforts of the author of the Vestiges of the Natural History of Creation, which so perturbed the minds of his generation.

But it was not until after the appearance of Darwin's book, and in consequence of that Evolution came slowly to be regarded as the great law of the whole cosmos. If we consider broadly the relation of the community to scientific progress during the last fifty years, its most outstanding feature will probably be recognised in the general acceptance of this great generalisation.

The views of Darwin made their way with more speed on the Continent than in his own country. Probably not many survivors are left to recall the astonishment and indignation with which some of the older geologists of the day read his two chapters. On the Imperfection of the Geological Record and On the Geological Succession of Organic Beings. To the younger men, on the other hand, these chapters were a luminous revelation. I shall never forget their influence on myself. They gave me a new key to unlock the history recorded in the rocky crust of the globe. The linked together Stratigraphy and Paleontology to the most masterly way, making each of them explanatory of the other, and confirming the doctrine of Evolution more clearly than ever.

IS DARWIN RIGHT OR NOT? The bearing of the Origin of Species on social questions was more promptly recognised abroad than at home. Thus, in the first number of "Nature," it was stated that when the Austrian Reichsrath, after the disastrous war with Prussia assembled in December, 1866, to deliberate on the best means of reconquering the prostrate empire, a distinguished member of the Upper Chamber, Prof. Rokitansky, began a great speech with this sentence: "The question we have first to consider is, 'Is Charles Darwin right or no?'"

IRON AND STEEL.

HOME MARKET CONDITIONS.

The following constitutes a general review of market conditions in Great Britain at the end of December 1919 as seen by the London Office of the Northwest Trading Co. The prices quoted are not firm but are as accurate as could be stated at this time.

Conditions have been fairly normal in this country for the past month, and the outlook is as bright as it has been for some time. The iron-moulders' strike is still dragging on, and this is having a very serious effect on most of the Engineering works in England, whose deliveries are becoming worse as a consequence, but there are hopes of an early settlement.

The industrial situation in America has led to the diversion of many orders for iron and steel from the Far East and from Europe to this country, with the result that deliveries of all kinds have lengthened considerably and manufacturers are not now offering, in fact it is only with difficulty that any indication of delivery can be obtained. In few cases are deliveries promised before May/June, 1920.

Manufacturers are flooded with enquiries, and it is a matter of no small difficulty to obtain quotations. Prices show a distinct hardening tendency and the abnormally high rate of Exchange on New York has diverted many orders from the United States of America to Great Britain with the result that there can be no hope for a considerable time of any fall in prices, in fact further sharp rises either have taken place or are indicated in the very near future.

IRON AND STEEL.

There is considerable activity in this market and the abolition of the control on the export of pig-iron has stimulated the market in this commodity, but there are but meagre supplies available, and the prices vary from £10 10s. 6d. to £10 10s. 0d. Staffordshire bars are quoted at £22 10s. 0d. per ton and shears at £23 0s. 0d. There is a fair demand for steel hoops, which are quoted at from £27 0s. 0d. to £27 5s. 0d. per ton. High speed tool steel for which there is a fair Continental demand is quoted as follows:—

Round high speed tool steel	Per ton F.O.B.
16, 19, 25, 32, 38, 38	11 lb.
m/m in 14% Tungsten 3	6 lb.
Flat high speed tool steel	
6 x 32 m/m	14% Tungsten 3 2 lb.
18% Tungsten 3	9 lb.
Flat high speed tool steel	
10 x 32 m/m	14% Tungsten 3 11 lb.
18% Tungsten 3	6 lb.
Flat high speed tool steel	
13 x 32 m/m	14% Tungsten 2 11 lb.
18% Tungsten 3	6 lb.

For bars in 8 to 10 ft. lengths. Packing in wooden cases at £6 15s. 0d. per ton extra. All the prices indicated above are F.O.B. U.K. port.

There has been a marked demand for glue for European and Colonial markets, and prices have advanced substantially since our previous quotations. Small quantities only are being offered for immediate delivery, and prices show an upward tendency. For limited quantities we quote to-day:—

No.	Per ton F.O.B.
No. 511 Mixed bone and glue	£112 Os. 0d.
No. 512 Mixed bone and glue	£102 Os. 0d.
No. 513 Mixed bone and glue	£118 Os. 0d.
No. 516 Skin	£137 10s. 0d.
No. 590 Mixed bone and skin	£102 Os. 0d.

QUICKSILVER. There has been no active demand for quicksilver recently and the standard flask containing 75 lbs. net are quoted at £20 10s. 0d. per flask F.O.B. The gross weight of the bottles is about 90 lbs.

TIN PLATES. Enquiries are numerous and many orders have been placed from many markets abroad. We quote as follows:—

	Per box.
IC 20 x 14, 112 s. 106/108 lbs.	46/-
IC 20 x 14, 112 s. 70lbs...	41/6
IC 20 x 14, 112 s. 75lbs...	42/-
IC 20 x 14, 112 s. 80lbs...	42/6
IC 20 x 14, 112 s. 90lbs...	43/9
IC 20 x 14, 112 s. 100lbs...	45/-
IC 20 x 14, 112 s. 106/108 lbs.	45/-
All the above prices are	F.O.R.

Corrugated sheets. There has been an active demand for sheets of all kinds and no deliveries are promised before April 1920. We quote:—

C. A. sheets, 8ft. by 3ft., 28 gauge in 10wt. bundles at £38 5s. 0d. per ton F.O.B.	
Galvanized steel sheets, 8ft. by 3ft. by 60 sheets in 5wt. felt lined cases at £51 10s. 0d. per ton F.O.B.	

Corrugated sheets are quoted to-day as under:—22 gauge to 30 gauge at £40 Os. 0d. per ton F.O.B.

BELOIAN GLASSWARE. The demand for glassware of all kinds continues to be very active, and the majority of the factories are booked up well into the second quarter of 1920. The demand in the home market continues to be in excess of the supply and the limited supplies available for the export market are also inadequate. We have placed large contracts with the works for delivery in the early part of 1920, and consequently are in a favourable position both as regards price and delivery.

Prices are fluctuating with a marked upward tendency, and a substantial increase on all prices is forecasted early in the New Year. The prices of table glassware shown on our last Market Review with an addition of between 10 per cent. and 12 per cent. represent approximately to-day's price. A detailed and revised list will however be published and circulated early in January, when it will be known exactly what the increases foreshadowed are. The prices of window glass show a hardening tendency also, and are not firm.

For the ordinary window glass in cases of 100 square feet, 16 oz., we quote as under:—

		Cases 100 sq. ft.	
In sizes.		3rd quality.	4th quality.
To 14 united inches		22/-	19/-
15in. to 18in.		29/2	25/-
19in. to 25in.		34/4	31/2
26in. to 40in.		44/4	40/4
41in. to 50in.		50/-	44/9
51in. to 60in.		51/10	46/6
61in. to 70in.		53/2	48/2
71in. to 80in.		55/6	50/4

Special packing in large cases 2s. case extra. Packing in cases of three compartments 1s. 3d. per case extra. Packing in grooves 40 sheets 1s. per case extra. Packing with paper 2s. extra per 100 feet. Cases with iron bands 2s. per case extra. Ordinary packing free. Weights approximately 60 kilos gross per case of 100 sq. feet.

ROOFING GLASS. Roofing glass in ordinary sheet glass, cases free:—

Cases	Cases
100 ft.	200 ft.
5in. x 7in.	28/5
10in. x 8in.	31/4
12in. x 8in.	34/5
11in. x 9in.	37/5
14in. x 9in.	40/6
12in. x 10in.	45/-
15in. x 10in.	48/-
26in. x 40in.	49/11
Up to 24 x 18	53/-
Up to 20 x 20in.	56/-

All the above prices are F.O.B. Antwerp.

PREIGHTS.

No change is to be recorded since last month.

IRON AND STEEL.	Per ton.
From United Kingdom.	
Algers	90/- plus 10
Antwerp	25/-
Auckland	70/-
Bombay	50/-
Calcutta	50/-
Colombo	50/-
Copenhagen	150/- nett
Fiume	120/- plus 10
Genoa	67/6
Havre	52/8 nett
Helsinki	105/-
Hongkong	45/- plus 10
Karachi	50/-
Kobe	45/-
Madras	50/-
Manila	57/6
Marseilles	67/6
Melbourne	60/-
Penang	42/6
Rabat	67/6
Rangoon	50/-
Rotterdam	35/- nett
Singapore	42/6 plus 10
Tientsin	67/6
Yokohama	120/-

GLUE AND GELATINE.	per ton.
Cologne	102/-
Genoa	67/6 plus 10
Hongkong	62/6
Kobe	72/6
Perth, W.A.	110/-

GLASSWARE.	Window.
From Antwerp.	
Auckland, N.Z.	107/6 plus 10
Bombay	75/-
Calcutta and Colombo	75/-
Hongkong	62/6
Karachi	75/6
Kobe	82/6
Malta	80/- nett
Melbourne	107/6 plus 10
Madras	75/-
Rangoon	100/-
Singapore	60/-
Shanghai	65/-
Tientsin	140/-

As our supplies are drawn from more than one country we have, as a basis for our figures, indicated, where shown above, i.e. b. prices, so that to arrive at exact figures at destination the freight-rates applying should be taken into account. In the case of the tin plates F.O.B. prices are indicated, and in this case, in addition to the freight rate an approximate charge of 3d. per ton must be added.

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SHIPPING "BOOM."

(Continued from page 2)

1. There is already more ship-
ping afloat in the world than there
was five years ago. In spite of all
the losses incurred during the war.
It is not all in commission for com-
mercial purposes, first, because the
Government is still using a good
deal of tonnage for clearing up the
war commitments in the various
theatres in which our troops were
fighting; and secondly, because a
very large number of vessels which
have been released by the Govern-
ment are being reconditioned—
that is, being refitted as passenger
or cargo-carrying vessels, after
having been employed as hospital
ships, as transports for men or
horses, or as store ships.

2. Upwards of 8,000,000 tons
of shipping are in course of con-
struction; the United States comes
first with 3,500,000 gross tons, we
second, with 2,800,000 tons, and
then follow Japan, France, Italy,
and other countries. The amount
of tonnage under construction in
the shipyards of the world is four
times as great as in a normal year
before the war, and all those new
ships, equivalent in carrying capa-
city to about one-quarter of the
world's merchant tonnage before
1914, will be completed by this
time next year.

SHIPPING OVER-PRODUCTION.

A new shipping situation is rapidly
developing. More vessels are run-
ning to-day than on the eve of the
war, but, owing to causes traceable
to the war and to Labour troubles,
each ton of shipping is only doing
about half the carrying work that it
would have done five years ago. That
means that freights are high, and the
main responsibility for the inefficient
use of existing tonnage rests with
those consumers and workers who are
holding up ships, whether they are
miners, railwaymen, dockside labour-
ers, or other. There is a great deal
of talk about the high cost of living,
but these worker-consumers are large-
ly responsible for it. But they do
not suffer to the same extent as other
sections of the community. When it
is stated that the cost of living has
gone up by 130 or 50 per cent., that
calculation does not mean that the
working-man is compelled to pay 130
per cent. more in order to live. So
far as the working man is concerned,
that percentage applies chiefly to
food; he pays no more, for instance,
for rent, or education, or medical
attendance. But, in so far as he is
suffering from high food prices, he is
contributing to his own discomfort
by supporting the policy dictated by
some of his leaders, and playing with
the idea of nationalisation.

That, however, is a diversion. The
point I was leading up to was the
over-production of ships, which is
now in progress. That means that
soon there will be more ships than
are needed. The result will be that
freights will fall. What would the
nationalisers say if shipping a year
or two hence, instead of producing a
profit to the State, involved it in loss?
That—a loss on shipping—is the
situation that will confront us soon,
for every shipping "boom" is follow-
ed by a "slump." It is all very well
to talk of nationalisation when its
advocates think they can adopt as a
State pet a goose which is laying
golden eggs, but what would happen
when the goose ceased to lay golden
eggs?

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FOURTH DAY 1920 RACES.

It was interesting to observe, yesterday, how easily a crowd of enthusiastic race goers can dispense with the services of "old sol." But that is human kind all over. Give a man a game with an element of chance in it and unlimited facilities for gambling and he will stand out in the rain for hours without a word of complaint. The only part of the races which suffered from the rain yesterday was the course itself. The people turned up in their hundreds and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Ladies are known to dress for the sun and it would appear they are now out to dress for the clouds. One lady, yesterday, was attired in a very smart tight fitting mackintosh, quite a new style. She carried an umbrella rolled to the size of an ordinary walking stick and wore a neat cap, the whole presenting a very smart appearance. The lady evidently intended to look right rain or sun (and she did) and since it was rain, she accommodated herself to the conditions.

The sport was good but, naturally, times were slow. There were, however, some very fine finishes. Mighty King went out for the fourth time and won again, thus retaining his record of winning each time out. The Ladies' Purse was competed for by five runners only. Mr. Dalgarno winning easily on Spotted Sand. Mr. Seth again brought Savernake to victory and also secured a second. Savernake has turned out to be a dark horse for the writer happens to know that "Mr. Moberacker" considered the mount more or less of a "three-legged" and did not anticipate the success achieved. The Champions attracted nine runners, six of them owned by two stables only, namely Mr. Potts and Mr. Soares. Of course, Mighty King was favourite and won without much trouble. Mr. Soares also rode a good race on Spotted Sand. Mr. Hill still retains his place at the head of the list of winning jockeys, the table being as follows:

WINNING JOCKEYS.

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
W. Hill	3	1	—
J. Johnstone	2	1	3
W. Dalgarno	2	1	2
F. Vida	1	3	1
Sutton	2	1	—
Seth	1	1	—
Bremner	—	2	—
Crookam	—	1	3
Soares	—	1	1
Kirkpatrick	—	1	1

WINNING OWNERS.

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
Sir Paul	2	3	2
John Peel	2	1	2
Mr. Potts	2	1	2
Mr. Soares	1	2	1
Mr. Moberacker	1	1	1

The first and second prizes in the Champions' Sweepstake yesterday were won by Mr. Henderson's (of Shewan, Tomes & Co.) syndicate and Mr. Morrison's syndicate respectively. This morning the rain had ceased in time for the first race. The course had been heavily sanded but promised to assume the nature of a quagmire later on. The attendance was good, and racegoers had apparently made up their minds not to allow the bad weather to interfere with their enjoyment.

Heavy rain fell during the second race and continued off and on throughout the morning and things generally were disconcerting.

The Tyam Handicap and the Hongkong Handicap this year had been divided into two classes each viz. A and B, thus adding two more races to the original programme of nine. Consequently the first race was run at noon, as on ordinary days.

The band of H.M.S. "Hawkins," under Mr. H. Lodge, provided the music as follows:—

MORNING.

1. March....Holyrood....Alford.
2. Overture....Morning, Noon and Night....Suppe.
3. Selection....Push and Go....Darewski.
4. Valse....Ecstasy....Baynes.
5. Selection....Madame Butterfly....Puccini.
6. Suite....Rural Scenes....Mott.
7. One Step....Fetters Parade....Forster.

8. Selection....The Pirates of Penzance....Sullivan.

AFTERNOON.

1. Selection....Toto....Joyce.
2. Overture....Luspiaci....Bela.
3. Selection....Mr. Manhattan....Talbot.
4. Valse....Smiles then Kisses....Anciliff.
5. Selection....La Gran Via....Valverde.
6. March....The Old Cork Road....Adams.

1.—THE "HAY AND CORN" STAKES.—Winner \$250; second \$100; third \$50. For all Subscriptions Griffins of both classes that have run at this meeting and not won. Weight for inches as per scale. (Jockey allowance.) Unplaced runners allowed 5 lb. Four ponies to start or race becomes void. Post entries. Five furlongs.

Parimutuel:—

Winner	\$ 32.00
Places—1st	\$ 8.10
" 2nd	\$ 12.80
" 3rd	\$ 7.00

Cash Sweeps:—

Ticket No. 240 1st	\$ 759
" " 136 2nd	\$ 162
" " 202 3rd	\$ 162

Unplaced ponies and Commission \$ 517

Total \$ 1,600

Unplaced ponies, \$25.00 each, ticket Nos. 7, 169, 211, 140, 76, 243, 46, 107, 157 and 16.

Mr. Dynast's King Cole, 155lb. (Mr. Dalgarno) 1

Mr. Staves' Dunford, 147lb. (Mr. Soares) 2

Mr. Wayloong's Pussyfoot, 155lb. (Mr. Hill) 2

Mr. John Peel's Buck Up, 150lb. (Mr. Crookam) 0

Mr. Dryasdust's Shiny, 150lb. (Mr. Crookam) 0

Messrs. Gay Bird's Sandmartin, 155lb. (Mr. Kirkpatrick) 0

Mr. Ritchfield's Craigmount, 150lb. (Mr. Doyle) 0

Messrs. C. G. M. & G. H. W.'s Pawnshop, 155lb. (Mr. Bremner) 0

Mr. Gilpin's White Fang, 145lb. (Mr. Grimstone) 0

Mr. Billiard's Cannon, 155lb. (Mr. Vida) 0

Mr. Walecorn's Trelawney, 152lb. (Mr. Sutton) 0

Mr. Law-Merchant's El Dorado, 143lb. (Mr. Remedies) 0

Messrs. G. and G.'s Trumpet, 152lb. (Mr. Seth) 0

Mr. Saints' St. Chad, 154lb. (Mr. Way) 0

2.—THE "LUCKY" STAKES.—Winner \$250; second \$100; third \$50. For all Griffins that have run at this meeting and not been placed. Weight for inches as per scale. (Jockey allowance.) Four ponies to start or race becomes void. Post entries. Five furlongs.

Parimutuel:—

Winner	\$ 79.40
Places—1st	\$ 10.10
" 2nd	\$ 7.10
" 3rd	\$ 11.10

Cash Sweeps:—

Ticket No. 23 1st	\$ 1,033
" " 104 2nd	\$ 295
" " 64 3rd	\$ 147

Unplaced ponies and Commission \$ 380

Total \$ 1,855

Unplaced ponies, \$25.00 each, ticket Nos. 310, 284, 29 and 113.

Sir Paul's Claymore, 152lb. (Mr. Crookam) 1

Sir Ellis Kadoorie's Algerian Chief, 152lb. (Mr. Bremner) 2

Mr. John Peel's Red Ensign, 158lb. (Mr. Bell Irving) 3

Mr. Dynast's King Alfred, 154lb. (Mr. Dalgarno) 0

Mr. T. F. Hough's Cadzow's Glen, 149lb. (Mr. Doyle) 0

Mr. Soares' Naughty, 144lb. (Mr. Soares) 0

Messrs. Dowbiggin and Sandes' Talisman, 147lb. (Mr. Cannon) 0

Off at 12.35. After considerable delay at the starting post, Naughty Child and then King Alfred blotted out the course the ponies got off well, Algerian Chief taking the lead. At the rock Cadzow's Glen took first place with Naughty Child running third. At the village bend the field was bunched but coming into the home straight Claymore Dahlia came out and displaced Cadzow's Glen, Algerian Chief taking second place with Red Ensign third. A good race at the finish between Claymore Dahlia and the Chief, the former winning by a length and a half, with Red Ensign third, half a length behind.

Time, 1min. 23.1/5sec.

3.—THE "ALL OUT" STAKES.—Winner \$250; second \$100; third \$50. For all China Ponies that have run at this meeting and not won. Weight for inches as per scale. Unplaced runners allowed 5 lb. (Jockey allowance.) Four ponies to start or race becomes void. Post entries. One mile.

Parimutuel:—

Winner	\$ 17.20
Places—1st	\$ 7.60
" 2nd	\$ 17.40
" 3rd	\$ 6.60

Cash Sweeps:—

Ticket No. 198 1st	\$ 1,087
" " 368 2nd	\$ 310
" " 138 3rd	\$ 155

Unplaced ponies and Commission \$ 423

Total \$ 1,975

Unplaced ponies, \$25.00 each, ticket Nos. 250, 136, 330, 258 and 77.

Mr. G. H. Potts' Valley King, 152lb. (Mr. Crookam) 1

Mr. Fash's Lanchester, 150lb. (Mr. Bell Irving) 2

Sir Paul's Attraction, 152lb. (Mr. Vida) 3

Mr. T. F. Hough's Runaway Light, 151lb. (Mr. Seth) 0

Sir Ellis Kadoorie's Sumatra Chief, 149lb. (Mr. Bremner) 0

Sir Paul's Albion Dahlia, 152lb. (Mr. Doyle) 0

Mr. Dryasdust's Salamander, 155lb. (Mr. Sutton) 0

Mr. Soares' Lovejoy, 140lb. (Mr. Soares) 0

Off 1.5. The race was run in heavy rain. After a false start the field got away well, Lanchester taking the lead followed by Attraction Dahlia and Salamander. The same order up the incline. Round the village bend Valley King took the lead and Attraction Dahlia coming into third place. A fine race at the finish Valley King, Lanchester and Attraction Dahlia fighting hard resulting in the King winning by a length with Attraction Dahlia beaten by Lanchester for second place by a neck only.

Time 2min. 14.2/5sec.

4.—THE TYAM HANDICAP.—"A" CLASS.—Winner \$600; second \$200; third \$100. For China Ponies. Subscription Griffins of both classes of this season 1919-1920 that have run at this meeting. Entrance \$10. Once round.

Parimutuel:—

Winner	\$ 12.50
Places—1st	\$ 7.00
" 2nd	\$ 10.20
" 3rd	\$ 9.10

Cash Sweeps:—

Ticket No. 52 1st	\$ 1,188
" " 282 2nd	\$ 339
" " 141 3rd	\$ 169

Unplaced ponies and Commission \$ 449

Total \$ 2,145

Unplaced ponies, \$25.00 each, ticket Nos. 316, 402, 26, 164, 240.

Mr. C. H. P. Hay's Brutus, 160lb. (Mr. Hill) 1

Mr. G. C. Moxon's Louza, 150lb. (Mr. Crookam) 1

Mr. Henry Humphreys' Wee Mouss, 155lb. (Mr. Vida) 3

Mr. Billiard's Cannon, 151lb. (Mr. Seth) 0

Capt. Henderson and Mr. Dyer's Target, 157lb. (Mr. Kirkpatrick) 0

Mr. Ritchfield's Ludlow, 158lb. (Mr. Bremner) 0

Mr. Staves' Dunford, 142lb. (Mr. Soares) 0

Messrs. Thomas and Ross's George die Mac, 154lb. (Mr. Doyle) 0

Off at 1.31. Rain was still falling when the bell went. After a false start the field got away well. Brutus taking the lead, Ludlow second and Target third. Past the football stand Louza took the lead, the others in the same order. At the rock Brutus again took the lead which he maintained being closely followed by Louza with Wee Mouss coming up into third place. A good race at the finish Brutus winning by half a length from Louza with Wee Mouss a head behind third.

Time, 2min. 6sec.

5.—THE HONGKONG HANDICAP.—"A" CLASS.—Winner \$600; second \$200; third \$100. Open to all China Ponies entered at this meeting. Entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Parimutuel:—

Winner	\$ 19.80
Places—1st	\$ 6.60
" 2nd	\$ 10.90
" 3rd	\$ 7.20

Cash Sweeps:—

Ticket No. 346 1st	\$ 1,797
" " 502 2nd	\$ 513
" " 364 3rd	\$ 256

Unplaced ponies and Commission \$ 544

Total \$ 3,110

Unplaced ponies, \$25.00 each, ticket Nos. 356, 72, 495.

Mr. Logor's Red Robe, 153lb. (Mr. Hill) 1

Mr. Hyrford's Malcolm, 152lb. (Mr. Sutton) 2

Sir Paul's Conqueror, 152lb. (Mr. Vida) 3

Sir Ellis Kadoorie's Hongkong Chief, 158lb. (Mr. Bremner) 0

Mr. G. C. Moxon's Kalamazoo, 150lb. (Mr. Crookam) 0

Sir Paul's Albion Dahlia, 145lb. (Mr. Kirkpatrick) 0

Off to time 3.30. A bad start. Kalamazoo taking the lead with Hongkong Chief second and the rest bunched. At the football stand the field strung out. Conqueror Dahlia going into third place. Up the incline the field bunched again. Passing the rock Malcolm took the lead, the two Dahlias running together second with Kalamazoo out of the race. In the village bend Malcolm still led followed by the two Dahlias with Hongkong Chief third. Into the home straight Red Robe challenged Malcolm and raced neck and neck with Conqueror lying third. Robe increased his lead and won a splendid race by two lengths from Malcolm and Conqueror Dahlia three lengths behind, third.

Time 2min. 3.5/5sec.

6.—THE HONGKONG HANDICAP.—"B" CLASS.—Winner \$300; second \$150; third \$75. Open to all China Ponies entered at this meeting. Entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Parimutuel:—

Winner	\$ 9.50
Places—1st	\$ 6.30
" 2nd	\$ 11.00
" 3rd	\$ 7.20

Cash Sweeps:—

Ticket No. 347 1st	\$ 1,795
" " 600 2nd	\$ 512
" " 337 3rd	\$ 256

Unplaced ponies and Commission \$ 572

Total \$ 3,135

Unplaced ponies, \$25.00 each, ticket Nos. 169, 570, 249, 121.

Mr. Fash's Lanchester, 153lb. (Mr. Hill) 1

Mr. Dryasdust's Wilkins Micawber, 150lb. (Mr. Sutton) 2

Sir Paul's Dunmore, 152lb. (Mr. Vida) 3

Sir Ellis Kadoorie's Kandy Chief, 150lb. (Mr. Dalgarno) 0

Sir Ellis Kadoorie's Algerian Chief, 152lb. (Mr. Bremner) 0

Mr. G. C. Moxon's Aviation, 158lb. (Mr. Crookam) 0

Messrs. Dowbiggin and Sandes' Islesman, 155lb. (Mr. Seth) 0

Off at 5.01. Kandy Chief took the lead after a bad start, followed by Islesman second and Algerian Chief third. At the football stand Islesman took the lead, followed by Wilkins Micawber second, Vivat third. Lanchester was first

passed the judge's box, Gentle Cat coming up into second place and Wilkins Micawber third. The same order passed the football stand with the rest of the field bunched. Up the incline the same order was maintained the Chief dropping out of the race. Into the village bend Lanchester and Gentle Cat were racing neck and neck and Wilkins Micawber still lying third. Into the home straight Lanchester increased his lead; Wilkins Micawber taking second place from Gentle Cat. Lanchester won easily by four lengths from Wilkins Micawber who was many lengths in front of Gentle Cat, third.

7.—THE "ALSO RAN" STAKES.—Winner \$250; second \$100; third \$50. For Subscription Griffins of both classes of this season that have run at this meeting and not been placed. Weight for inches as per scale. (Jockey allowance.) Four ponies to start or race becomes void. Post entries. One mile.

Parimutuel:—

Winner	\$ 20.50
Places—1st	\$ 6.90
" 2nd	\$ 9.60
" 3rd	\$ 8.10

Cash Sweeps:—

Ticket No. 179 1st	\$ 1,813
" " 607 2nd	\$ 518
" " 13 3rd	\$ 259

Unplaced ponies and Commission \$ 635

Total \$ 3,225

Unplaced ponies, \$25.00 each, ticket Nos. 262, 575, 197, 560, 338, 556.

Messrs. Thomas and Ross's Supper Dance, 152lb. (Mr. Hill) 1

Messrs. Dowbiggin and Sandes' Clansman, 155lb. (Mr. Bremner) 2

Mr. Ritchfield's Craigmount, 155lb. (Mr. Doyle) 3

Mr. John Peel's Buzz Off, 152lb. (Mr. Bell Irving) 0

Mr. Walecorn's Trelawney, 152lb. (Mr. Sutton) 0

Mr. Jay Pee's Orion, 153lb. (Mr. Soares) 0

Mr. Walecorn's Trevelyan, 155lb. (Mr. Kirkpatrick) 0

Mr. Four of a kind's Murphy, 155lb. (Mr. Dalgarno) 0

Mr. Fisherman's Kipper, 155lb. (Mr. Seth) 0

Off at 4.30. After a good start Trelawney took the lead, Craigmount second, Trevelyan third. At the football stand the same order was maintained, the rest of the field strung out. Up the incline Trelawney still held the lead, Craigmount second with the rest bunched up. The same order prevailed past the rock. In the village bend Craigmount took the lead Supper Dance coming up into second place. In the home straight Supper Dance went well away, Clansman displacing Craigmount for second place; the rest being still bunched together. Supper Dance, ridden splendidly by Hill, increased his lead and won easily by four lengths. Three lengths between Clansman and Craigmount.

Time 3.22

8.—THE "LOITERERS" STAKES.—Winner \$250; second \$100; third \$50. For all Griffins that have run at this meeting and not won. Weight for inches as per scale. Subscription Griffins that have run at this meeting and been placed second allowed 3 lb. those that have been placed third allowed 5 lb. Unplaced Subscription Griffins of both classes allowed 10 lb. (Jockey allowance.) Four ponies to start or race becomes void. Post entries. Once round.

Parimutuel:—

Winner	\$ 6.70
Places—1st	\$ 5.50
" 2nd	\$ 11.50
" 3rd	\$ 6.00

Cash Sweeps:—

Ticket No. 553 1st	\$ 1,899
" " 632 2nd	\$ 542
" " 199 3rd	\$ 271

Unplaced ponies and Commission \$ 598

Total \$ 3,310

Unplaced ponies, \$25.00 each, ticket Nos. 73, 630, 89, 306.

Mr. Logor's The Farmer, 152lb. (Mr. Hill) 1

Mr. Dryasdust's Wilkins Micawber, 155lb. (Mr. Sutton) 2

Sir Paul's Dunmore, 152lb. (Mr. Vida) 3

Sir Ellis Kadoorie's Kandy Chief, 150lb. (Mr. Dalgarno) 0

Sir Ellis Kadoorie's Algerian Chief, 152lb. (Mr. Bremner) 0

Mr. G. C. Moxon's Aviation, 158lb. (Mr. Crookam) 0

Messrs. Dowbiggin and Sandes' Islesman, 155lb. (Mr. Seth) 0

Off at 5.01. Kandy Chief took the lead after a bad start, followed by Islesman second and Algerian Chief third. At the football stand Islesman took the lead, followed by Wilkins Micawber second, Vivat third. Lanchester was first

clined Islesman increased his lead to a length, the two Chiefs running together for second place. Wilkins Micawber coming into third place. Rounding the village bend Mr. Hill, on the Farmer, again beautifully riding, displaced Islesman and Wilkins Micawber second with Dunmore Dahlia coming up into third again from the field. Mr. Hill increased his lead and won by a length from Wilkins Micawber, Dunmore Dahlia a length and a half behind, third.

9.—THE "FINALE" STAKES.—Winner \$250; second \$100; third \$50. For Horse Bazaar Subscription Griffins of this season that have run at this meeting and not won. Weight for inches as per scale. (Jockey allowance.) Unplaced runners at this meeting allowed 5 lb. Four ponies to start or race becomes void. Post entries. Half mile.

Parimutuel:—

Winner	\$ 12.20
Places—1st	\$ 8.30
" 2nd	\$ 20.00
" 3rd	\$ 40.90

Cash Sweeps:—

Ticket No. 713 1st	\$ 1,958.00
" " 412 2nd	\$ 568.00
" " 309 3rd	\$ 284.00

Unplaced ponies and Commission \$ 825.00

Total \$ 3,665.00

Unplaced ponies, \$25.00 each, ticket Nos. 249, 565, 119, 458, 551, 62, 158, 31, 678, 494, 369.

Mr. B. W. Kapteyn's Louza, 155lb. (Mr. Crookam) 1

Messrs. C. G. M. & G. H. W.'s Uncle, 155lb. (Mr. Bremner) 2

Mr. Allsop's Tam, 150lb. (Mr. Kirkpatrick) 3

Mr. John Peel's Buck Up, 150lb. (Mr. Bell Irving) 0

Mr. Saints' St. Chad, 148lb. (Mr. Grimstone) 0

Messrs. C. G. M. & G. H. W.'s Pawnshop, 150lb. (Mr. Soares) 0

Mr. Staves' Bayford, 153lb. (Mr. Way) 0

Mr. Dynast's King Robert, 155lb. (Mr. Dalgarno) 0

Mr. Four of a kind's Kipper, 155lb. (Mr. Seth) 0

Mr. Adams' Moonshine, 147lb. (Mr. Adams) 0

Mr. Walecorn's Tredegar, 152lb. (Mr. Sutton) 0

Mr. Wayloong's Pussyfoot, 155lb. (Mr. Doyle) 0

Capt. Henderson and Mr. Dyer's Hawks, 145lb. (Mr. Morrison) 0

Mr. Glendaye's Seaman, 149lb. (Mr. Vida) 0

Off at 5.37. The race was run in a heavy shower of rain, it was therefore impossible to distinguish the ponies until they were approaching the winning post. One pony considerably delayed the start by bolting half way round the course. Into the home straight Louza, the favourite, came in on the outside and won by half a length from Uncle with Tam three quarters of a length behind. Louza was a very popular win.

Time, 1min. 04.3/5sec.

10.—THE "LAST CHANCE" PLATE.—Winner \$250; second \$100; third \$50. For "Larsen" Subscription Griffins that have run at this meeting and not won. Unplaced runners at this meeting allowed 5 lb. Four ponies to start or race becomes void. Post entries. Half mile.

Parimutuel:—

Winner	\$ 7.80
Places—1st	\$ 5.70
" 2nd	\$ 6.30
" 3rd	\$ 11.20

Cash Sweeps:—

Ticket No. 581 1st	\$ 2,595.00
" " 574 2nd	\$ 741.00
" " 870 3rd	\$ 370.00

Unplaced ponies and Commission \$ 744.00

Total \$ 4,450.00

Unplaced ponies, \$25.00 each, ticket Nos. 80, 855, 412.

Sir Paul's Scotia Dahlia, 155lb. (Mr. Vida) 1

Mr. Staves' Dunford, 152lb. (Mr. Bremner) 2

Mr. Staves' Nutford, 153lb. (Mr. Soares) 3

Mr. Allsop's Rab, 150lb. (Mr. Kirkpatrick) 0

Messrs. G. and G.'s Cornet, 151lb. (Mr. Doyle) 0

Mr. Dryasdust's Exchange, 153lb. (Mr. Morrison) 0

Off at 6.01. Rain still falling, it was impossible to see the ponies start. When the ponies entered the home straight it was seen that Mr. Vida on

"THE TENTS OF THE ARABS."

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' SUCCESS.

In spite of the pouring rain and excitement of the races, a fairly good audience filled the Theatre Royal last night for the first performance given by the Hongkong University Union. There were hardly any seats empty.

Lord Dunsany confessed not long ago that it was the Bible that gave him his limp style and first inspiration. For such a poetical prose as his there could not have been chosen a more harmonious setting than the frame of the two plays given last night.

"The Tents of the Arabs" were permeated with a biblical atmosphere; the simple lines of the white gate of Thalama City, and at a distance the silhouette of graceful palms standing out on the reddish desert sands.

The audience was agreeably surprised at the clear diction of the two camel-drivers, Mr. L. Gutierrez and Mr. Ng Cheong Yew, emphasising with Eastern elegance and heraldic gestures the splendour of busy cities. They feared the dreariness of the desert and wished that their lot were cast among the crowded places. As for the King he desired nothing more than to venture his life among the sand storms, with the pilgrims on their way to Mecca. It was Mr. Mustapha B. Osman, a student from the Straits Settlements and a ward of the Hon. Dr. Claud Severn, who impersonated with much dignity the human and sympathetic Eastern sovereign.

The author has condensed poetry, philosophy and action in a short play. In the 2nd act the king has come back from his year's leave in the desert, ready to keep his word and resume his duties. He must part with the gypsy-girl Ezarza who prefers her sands to the walled cities. It is a touching scene Mr. E. Lo, a brother of the well-known lawyer of this colony, played it with abandon and grace. The walling reminded us of Agar in the desert. But Memory the little child who can conquer even "Time, will for ever," she trusts, recall to them their kyll in the tent.

Fortunately, the ambitious camel-driver chooses to take the King's place. The rightful king and the gypsy will return to the wilderness, not envying any of the diademed "heads of the world." This play as well as "The Gods of the Mount" tains was received with much applause by the audience which showed keen appreciation of the author's wit, the intelligent acting and artistic costumes. In the 2nd play beggars in ultra ragged beggary attire are begging outside the city wall. The actors did not have to go far from this city to find perfect models of the species. But to see their chief Agmar (Mr. Ngan-Shai Leung) assume in turns a kingly demeanour and the humblest attitude was indeed a revelation of the tricks of the trade. A continuous strain of humorous irony and cynicism—"a la Diogenes"—ran through the play.

The people of Komroos seem to have lost the qualities that make men divine: benevolence, drunkenness, love and song. "Times are hard for beggars. Therefore these will pretend to be gods." Mundus vult decepto decipitur. The world wants to be deceived, therefore it is deceived. Superstition, fear and false prophecies help the plotters in their scheme until at last the gods are too much for them. They are changed in the statues of the gods whom they mocked.

The light effects, the Oriental music, the mountain scenery, the picturesque crowds, the retification of the beggars kept the audience under the charm until the end. It was an intellectual and artistic treat. This first attempt at serious humorous plays has received a beautiful encouragement. We hope that the tradition will be kept in the future by the Hongkong University. Noticed in the audience:

The Hon. Dr. Claud Severn
Mr. Melbourne
Mr. Sharp, King's Counsellor
General Ventris
Bishop and Mrs. Lander
Major Wakeman
Commodore, Mrs. and Miss Gurner
Mr. Hay
Rev. Conley Moyle
and the whole University staff.

Scotia Dahlia had secured a good lead and he won easily by many lengths from Dunford, second with Nutford half a length behind, third.

Time, 1min. 05.1/5sec.

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"TOLA"	5,800	1st Mar.	Colombo and Bombay.

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S. S.	Tons	From Singapore (about)	Destination
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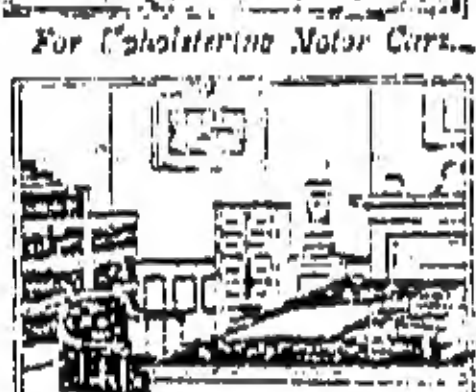
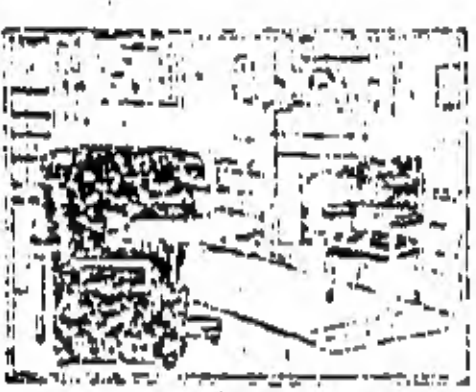
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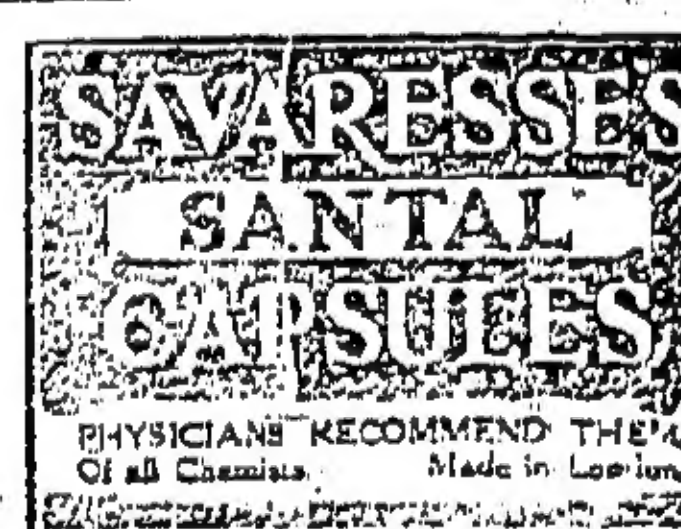
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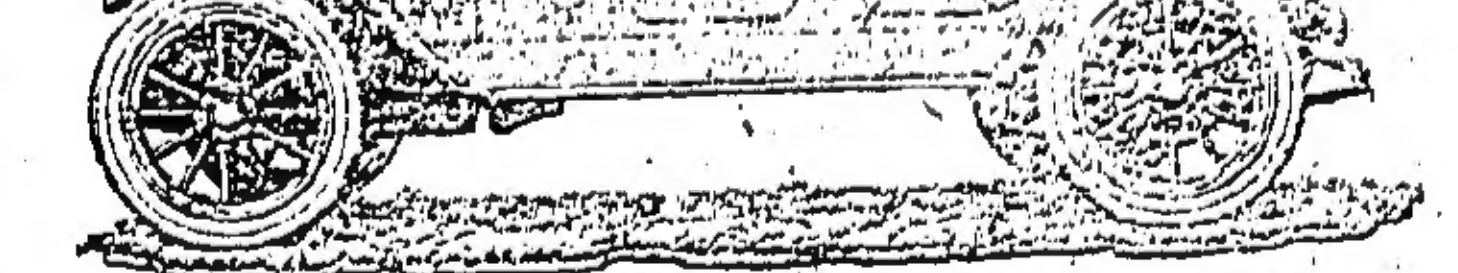
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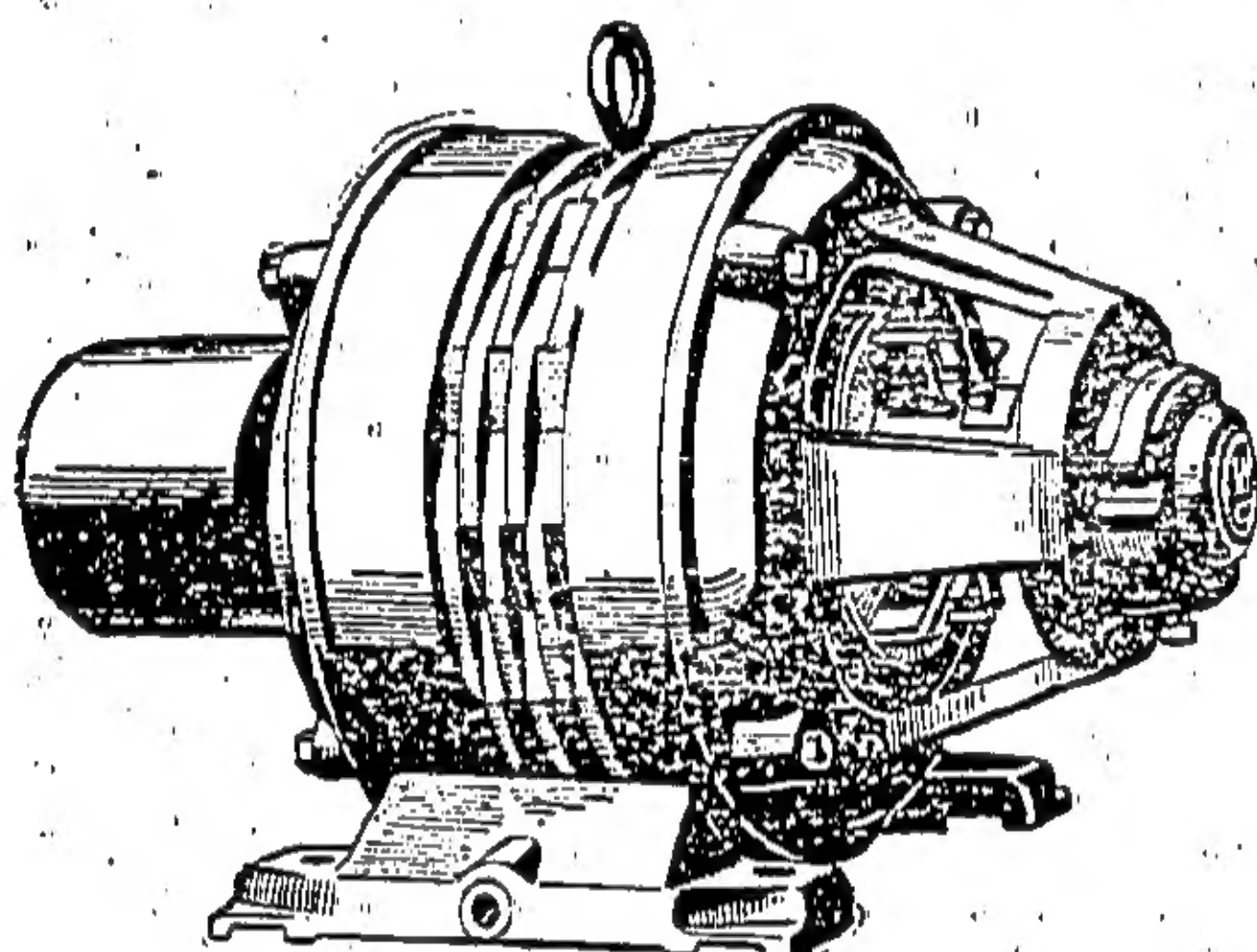
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Weel, ma Christina,

The Governor of the Colony had a reception for the fine lads who fought in the Great War on Saturday. It was the weather (which served them right) they gazed into the grand rooms of the Government House, and had a band play for them, and ginger beers and other refreshments passed round on the balconies. A heard the band. It was na playin' bad considerin' the weather, which was awful. It was hot an' foggy an' a fine "Scotch Mist" (which, a may say was a disgrace to the native toon) an' it was yin o' they days when ye wad be fur goun' the Empire or some other place o' amusement (wi' a look in at the "Rabbit Burns" or the "Bass Rock" fur a wheen o' whiskey, or something o' that ilk).

We didna goun' the pairty, altho' built o' us wad ha' been welcome, seen that balth Willie an' masel wad over-the-seas wi' the Army. Na, Na, a Scot o' ma thinkin' wad ne'er send an' ask even wee McGrathie for an' invite tae goun' an' see ither folks wha've been as lucky tae cam through as oorsels. They could easy ha'e foond out by writin' tae the firms or various government departments where they thought it mair nor likely that they had heroes workin' there. But na, they gar ye ask tae be invited, an' if that's no the edge its the limit. Its like gettin' in tae the Theatre on a "pass" fur showin' their bills in your window (specially if ye ha'e a pub, or a sweetie shop).

Anyway, some o' the returned soldiers were there, but the yins that thought o' their ain dignity an' pride didna bother. Ye ken, the yins that are the true democrats o' British race wha ken the Governor is just an ordinary man after a', but wi' mair luck nor the ither. An' that's that. There's an interestin' bit o' news that some mair folk were made M.B.E.'s an' O.B.E.'s here afore the gairden-party—A've just heard o' a man wha died o' it last December. Weel, it an' the flu, but he was awful afflicted tae hear they had pickit him out fur yin, an' he was tae polite tae refuse, seen' that he'd just been entrusted wi' a investigation commission tae Germany.

Pair souls, an' they've joined the "as Willie says) the "Pebble" Order o' the British Empire. They ha'e ma sympathy, an' A'm grateful that A'm no bagged by onybody tae wear an O or an M.B.E.

Its awful funny noo things lose their real meaning as the years goun' round. We're up tae date enough tae be haein' a Marathon race, here neist week, wi' about a hundred an' fifty men rinnin' in it. Noo, as ma auld Histry maister tell me, the first man wha rinned a Marathon was the Greek laddie, wha' used a' his energy in Finnin' frae a big battle (the tell me a' this in English) which they Greek folks an' some ither were fightin' at a place ca'd Marathon, tae tell the people in Athens that the Greeks had won, an' he was fair done in when he got there, seen' that he'd been rinnin' fur miles an' miles at full speed tae gie his freens guid tidings. Noo-a-days, they dinna rin tae bring guid news; they just sit doon at their office desks, an' use the telephone. If they rin at a', its tae catch the last ferry or yin o' the trains (suttin' themselves) or if they sin wi' ither men its tae beat them an' win a siller cup or a pair o' carvers or teapots. Name o' the high-falutin' Greek generosity stuns here. A' that the pair auld Greek wad get wad be a wreath o' leaves that wad cost nae mair than ten cents. A must find out what their giein' here, and if it is a freen o' mine that wins (provided he's no got ony feminine dependants) A'll hae ma birthday the next week an' gar him turn over the tea spoons tae me, as I can let yin o' mine doon the gutter, an' Hamish is using twa ither fur his plaister-modelling an' A've only got four noo. Mind ye, A'm no goun' tae buy anither here wi' the dollar at six guid siller shillin's, A'd rather use ma soup-spoons first, like they did at yin o' the "Engineer's Practice dances."

We lookit in at yin o' twa o' the sales in the toon, an' got a few bargains, but ye dinna ha'e spendin' mair than ye can help juist noo, wi' a six shillin' dollar.

Weel, weel, Willie went tae the races on Wednesday, an' A' didna see him till efter we had oor breakfasts on Thursday.

He'd putten on his new brown suit an' his best overcoat an' his spats an' aff he went efter breakfast on Wednesday. A couldn't goun' as A had a cauld, an' also A had a freen

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doon frae Shanghai, wha was goun' doon tae Manila. Wull had a fair bunch o' money wi' him an' left wi' a smile fu' o' confidence at ower his face. A heard frae McNigger wha was wi' their pairty (mair shame tae her) that he won twa sweeps an' some places an' took the hale bunch o' them oot tae dinner, giein' them champagne, an' whiskey, an' oysters an' lobsters. He bought McNigger a big bottle o' scent an' a four pound box o' chocolates; an' efter they'd dined, an' wined, an' wined again, they a' went aff in caurs tae McNigger's hoose ther man had tae goun' oot on night duty, ye ken, at 11 o'clock an' danced an' sang an' drank till pair Willie went tae sleep on the sofa wi' his feet in yin o' they brass pots, an' that fule wummen poured the whole bottle o' scent ower him. It was on him when he cam hame—he was reekin' wi' it like a poke o' deils. A'm goun' tae to-morrow's races, but A canna wear ma fine race clothes in weather like this, wi' rain, an' fog an' caul. A'll just pit on yin o' ma sportin' costumes wi' a short frock, an' ma nice brogues an' spats an' ma this winters velour hat. A thick burberry an' ma glesses wull fair feenish ma toilette, an' a'll look comly an' dressed for the weather. Some o' ma freens, are fair greetin' ower the weather an' their no bein' able tae show aff their goons, an' some o' the hats. Ma word, if Hongkong wad but hae a dress parade, we'd show up some o' oor freens what hae the big shops, an' the up tae date dress makers an' tailors wi' the latest fashions. There's no flies on the Hongkong wimmen when it cam tae dressin' especially when they've gotten a special reason tae wear them, an' ha'e the men folk tae admire them. A've nae quite forgien Willie for gaur the whole hog wi'oot me. It wadna ha'e been sae bad if that wummen hadna been there, an' juist left it as a man's pairty. Onyway, to-morrow gie me ma chance tae shine, an' Wull will ha'e a back seat. A'm hopin' the weather is a' richt to-morrow, tae feenish up oor goun' races. Its an' awful shame. Never mind, we'll hae somethin' else sune tae divert us.

A'll gie ye ma account o' ma day o' the races, neist week, but A dae wish A'd been tae see the Derby. Chinese New Year neist week, En, but it wull be goun' fun. We're gettin' in some crackers.

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Children's Service (10 a.m.)
Hymns: 341, 559, 573, (560).
Verses (11 a.m.)
Responses, Ferial: Venite, Stainer; Psalm: Kelsey (3rd morning); Aldrich (4th morning); Hopkins (4th evening); Te Deum: Oakley; Turler and Tullis (2nd day); Jubilate, Jones (1st morning).
Hymns: 359, 364.

Sevenfold Amen.
Holy Communion 12 Noon.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Responses, Ferial: Psalm: Hayes and Matthews (6th morning); Magnificat: Herley (7th morning); Nunc Dimittis, Bennett (17th evening); Anthem: "I will wash my hands in innocency"—Rockins.
Hymns: 361, 355, 463.
Sevenfold Amen.

Voluntary, Pastorale in E-Flat.
Frank

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.
16th FEBRUARY, 1920.—QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY.

Holy Communion at 8.15 a.m.
Morning Prayer at 11 a.m.
Opening, Voluntary: Responses, Ferial: Venite, As Set; Psalm: XV, XX, XXIII—As Set; Te Deum, Woodward, smart and Turler; Benedictus, Langdon; Hymns: 379, 389, 150, (A. & M. Tune).

Concluding Voluntary.
Evening Prayer at 6 p.m.
Opening, Voluntary: Responses, Ferial: Psalm: XXX XXXI—As Set; Magnificat, Beethoven—27th Morning; Nunc Dimittis, Felton; Hymns: 560, (A. & M. Tune); 50, 358.

Concluding Voluntary.
Notice—Choir Practice next Friday at 6.00 p.m.

Union Church, Kennedy Road.

Sunday Services, February 13th.
Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Hymns: 346, 108, 875, 155, 429.
Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Hymns: 111, 443, 153, 371.
Collections for the British and Foreign Bible Society.
Preacher: Rev. H. E. Anderson.

St. Peter's Church, West Point.

Sunday, February 13.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
Preacher: Rev. G. T. Waldegrave.

Peak Church.

8.15 a.m.—Holy Communion.
6.30 Evening Service.

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Weekly Services:—Sunday: Breaking of Bread, 11 a.m.; Chinese Gospel meeting, 1.30 p.m.; English Gospel meeting, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Scripture Study, 6.30 p.m.; Thursday, Scripture Study, 8 p.m.; Friday, Ladies' Scripture Study, 5.30 p.m.; Saturday, Prayer Meeting, 7.9 p.m.

First Church of Christ Scientist, MacDonnell Road.

Sundays, 11.15 a.m.
Wednesdays, 6.30 p.m.

Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wanchai.

Morning Service, 10.15 a.m.
Evening Service, 8 p.m.
Preacher: Mr. H. Bissaker.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Arsenal Street.

Sunday Evening, Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m.

Roman Catholic Cathedral, Glenaele.

Mass at 8, 7 and 3.30 a.m.
High Mass at 8 a.m.
5.30 p.m.—Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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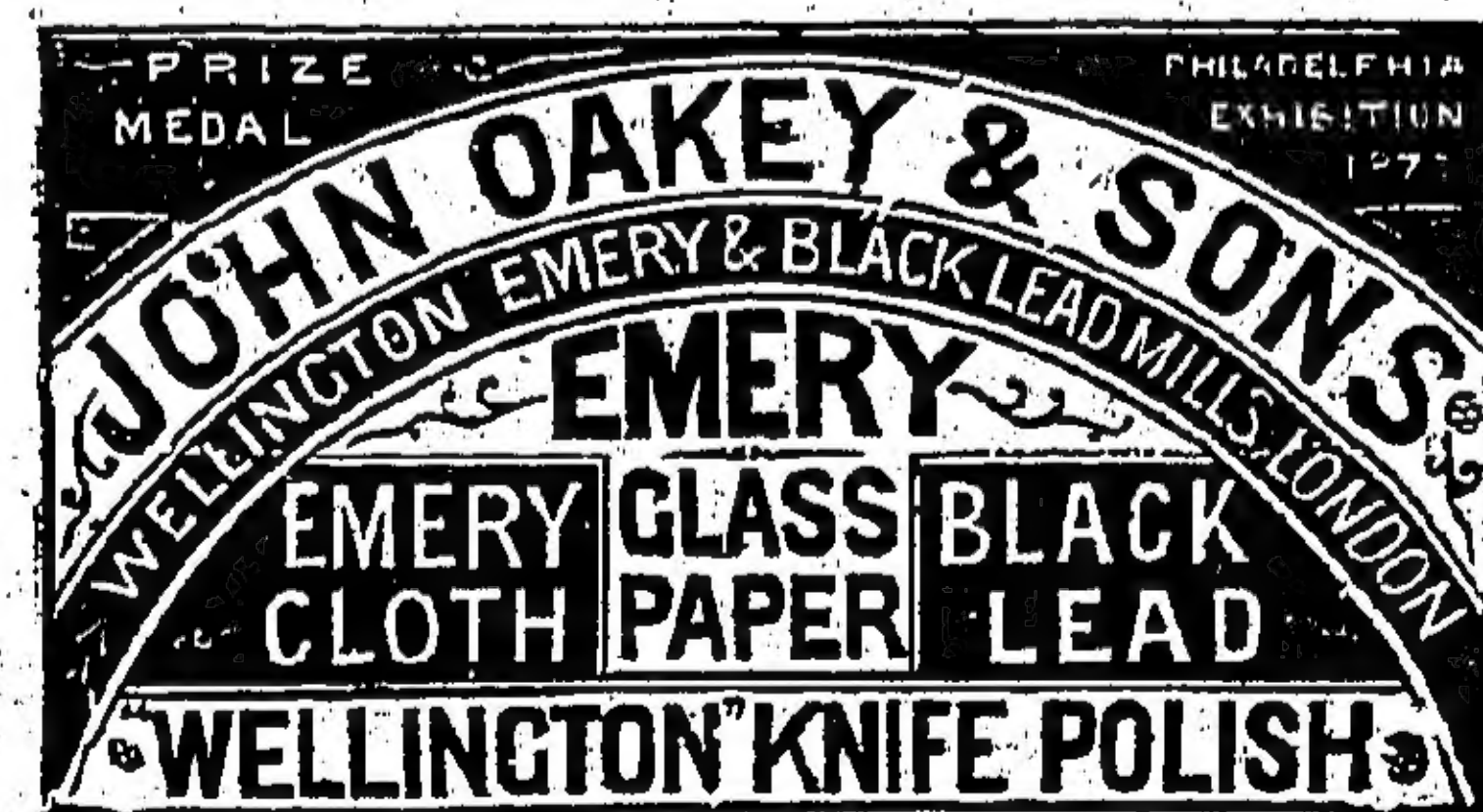
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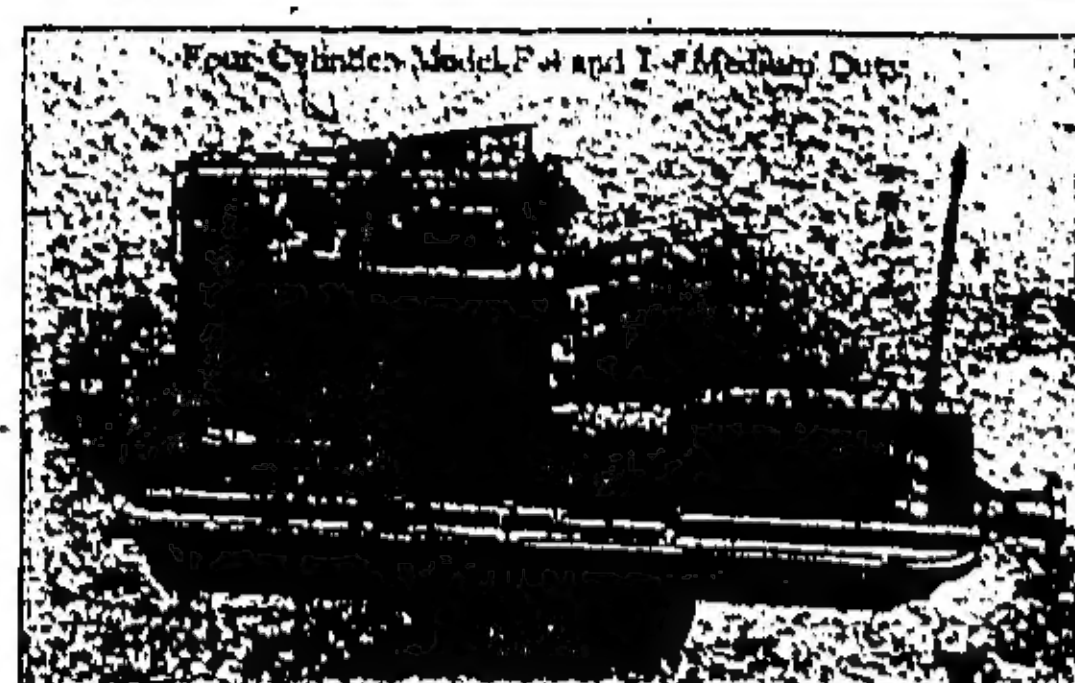
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